

Thank you for the opportunity to share my support for Bill #5283 which secures equal funding for agriculture education.

I have been the Administrative Assistant in the Agriscience department of Suffield High School since 2012.

In that time I have watched roughly 300 students enter our doors as shy, timid freshman. When these students walk across our stage to receive their diplomas four years later, they have become confident young men and women ready to take on the challenges of life. Secure with the knowledge and tools ready to succeed in various agricultural fields.

I believe had they remained in their home schools to receive their high school educations, they would not emerge as well rounded as they become attending an Agricultural Science and Technology Education.

Funding ASTE programs would allow more interested students to attend – who currently cannot due to lack of town funding.

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